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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

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APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

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- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee

- ☐ Small entity-fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Other than small entity - fee \$ 1500.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m))

2. Reply and/or fee

A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of First submission under 35 USC 371 (identify type of reply):

- ☒ has been filed previously (nat'l phase entry: May 11, 2005; successful official fee charge: Jan. 23, 2006)
- ☐ is enclosed herewith.

B. The issue fee and publication fee (if applicable) of \$ _____.

- ☐ has been paid previously on _____.
- ☐ is enclosed herewith.

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☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ _____ for a small entity or \$ _____ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D)).]

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Enclosures: ☒ Fee Payment

☐ Reply

☐ Terminal Disclaimer Form

☒ Additional sheets containing statements establishing unintentional delay

☒ Other: Fee Transmittal Form

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**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO REVIVE APPLICATION
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<p>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING, 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)</p> <p>I certify that this correspondence and the enclosures mentioned therein are being deposited by First Class U.S. Mail with sufficient postage on the date shown below, addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</p> <p><i>Stephen P. Gribok</i> Stephen P. Gribok, Reg. No. 29,643 <u>Oct. 18, 2006</u> Date</p>

Sir:

The undersigned attorney of record states in support of a petition to revive the application in the US national phase on grounds that abandonment was unintentional, **that the entire delay in filing the required reply (namely official fees required upon entry into the US national phase) until the filing of the present petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) was unintentional.**

The application was held abandoned for nonpayment of the national phase filing fees by the deadline of 30 months. Applicant had attempted upon entering the national phase to submit the national phase filing fees by Deposit Account charge authorization. After a delay during which no communications were received from the PTO, the undersigned learned that the PTO considered the Deposit Account to which the charge was made to lack sufficient funds at the time the charge was made, and accordingly the PTO had not charged the Deposit Account as requested and the fee was regarded as unpaid.

Applicant then filed a petition to revive the application on grounds that the delay was unavoidable, and submitted a new charge authorization to pay the official fee and the petition fee. Documentation in the form of a deposit account statement was submitted showing that the Deposit Account had sufficient funds to cover the charge made.

Applicant's petition on grounds of unavoidable abandonment was denied by a decision dated October 2, 2006. The PTO asserts that according to some procedure involving time stamp transactions and sale sequence numbers, which procedure is unknown to the undersigned, the Deposit Account balance was considered deficient even though the online deposit account statement provided that sufficient funds were available at the time.

Applicant now petitions under Section 137(b) on grounds that abandonment was unintentional. The missing official fee has already been submitted. The required petition fee of \$1,500.00 is submitted herewith by charge authorization for the present petition. This petition contains the required statement that the entire delay was unintentional. A copy of the Decision on the previous petition is submitted to further explain the factual scenario.

Applicant requests revival and examination of the application in the US national phase.

The current balance in the Deposit Account to which the present petition fee is charged is approximately \$24,500.00. This balance is believed more than sufficient to cover the petition fee plus all unexecuted charges that have been made by any user of this Deposit Account. If, however, the PTO somehow determines that the balance is not sufficient, then applicant requests immediate notice to the undersigned by phone or email.

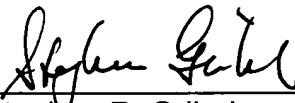
As a result of these circumstances, the aforementioned application went abandoned unintentionally. The factual scenario as well as the express statement of the undersigned support the fact that the entire delay was unintentional. Applicant has paid the required application fees in the amount of \$1750.00. Applicant now petitions

the Commissioner to revive this application under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) and to charge the required petition fee of \$1500.00 to Deposit Account No. 04-1679.

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